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## Survey Results Include

- Cattle on Feed
- Wool Production
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.57 million cattle on feed on March 1, up 6 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 410,000 head, up 17 percent from 2011. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 390,000 head, up 7 percent from last year. Other disappearance during February totaled 20,000 head, up 33 percent from last year.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

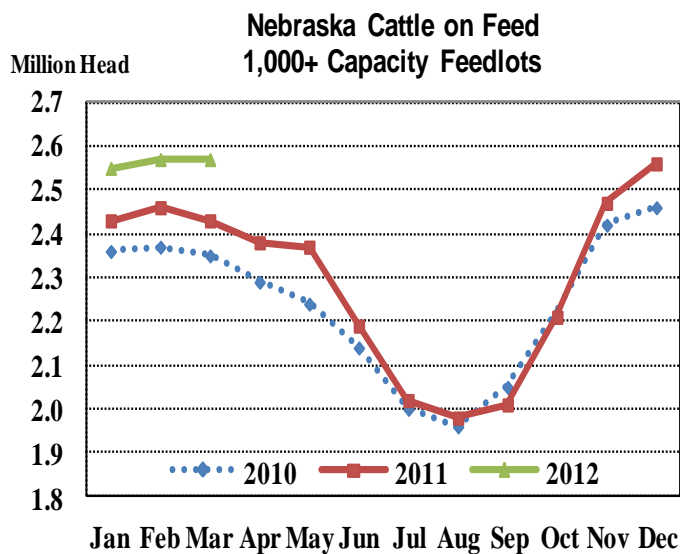
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on March 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above March 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.71 million, 3 percent above 2011. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.76 million, 2 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 during February, 52 percent above 2011.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2011-2012**

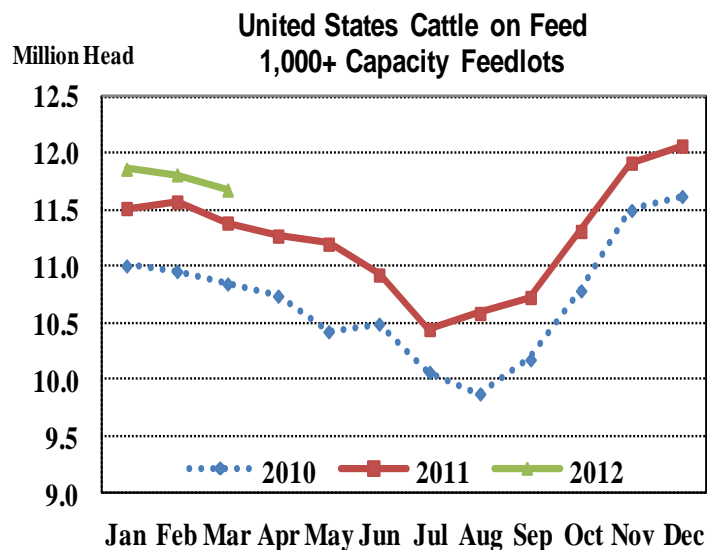
State	March 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	269	279	104	29	25	86	25	21	84	1	1	100
California	460	500	109	43	50	116	50	53	106	3	2	67
Colorado	1,070	1,090	102	215	165	77	210	200	95	5	15	300
Idaho	220	230	105	31	37	119	40	41	103	1	1	100
Iowa	650	670	103	71	85	120	79	62	78	2	3	150
Kansas	2,220	2,200	99	365	370	101	405	385	95	10	15	150
Nebraska	2,430	2,570	106	350	410	117	365	390	107	15	20	133
Oklahoma	360	340	94	60	48	80	73	61	84	2	2	100
South Dakota	265	260	98	45	47	104	48	45	94	2	2	100
Texas	2,830	2,840	100	380	380	100	405	415	102	15	25	167
Washington	205	233	114	31	41	132	30	32	107	3	3	100
Other States	407	465	114	47	56	119	61	50	82	2	4	200
United States	11,386	11,677	103	1,667	1,714	103	1,791	1,755	98	61	93	152

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 23, 2012



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings,  
By Size of Feedlot, United States, 2010-2011**

	2010			2011		
	Lots	Inventory <sup>1</sup>	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory <sup>1</sup>	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Less than 1,000 head	75,000	2,498.9	4,032	75,000	2,260.4	3,170
1,000 head or more	2,140	11,513	22,078	2,120	11,861	22,577
1,000 – 1,999	790	453	778	770	416	727
2,000 – 3,999	560	800	1,400	560	770	1,360
4,000 – 7,999	335	1,030	1,760	345	1,070	1,870
8,000 – 15,999	180	1,250	2,470	170	1,220	2,320
16,000-23,999	85	1,130	2,040	86	1,130	2,160
24,000-31,999	55	1,050	2,050	52	970	1,880
32,000-49,999	71	2,050	4,110	71	2,125	4,100
50,000 and Over	64	3,750	7,470	66	4,160	8,160
All Feedlots	77,140	14,011.9	26,110	77,120	14,121.4	25,747

<sup>1</sup> Inventory estimates as of January 1 of the following year.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed February 24, 2012

**Cattle on Feed: Total Feedlot Capacity, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
United States, January 1, 2011 and 2012**

Item	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head	
	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
United States	17,000	17,000

Source: USDA, NASS Cattle on Feed February 24, 2012

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### Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2009-2011

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Nebraska					
2009	56	7.4	415	.40	166
2010	55	7.0	385	.58	223
2011	57	7.2	410	.80	328
United States					
2009	4,195	7.4	30,860	.79	24,337
2010	4,180	7.3	30,370	1.15	35,018
2011	4,030	7.3	29,290	1.67	48,925

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, January 27, 2012

### Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2011-2012

Month	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Change from 2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January	8,405	8,502	1,811	1,859	15,219	15,806	3.9
February	8,408	8,510	1,665	1,782	13,997	15,162	8.3
March	8,425		1,872		15,773		
April	8,431		1,835		15,475		
May	8,447		1,902		16,069		
June	8,450		1,820		15,382		
July	8,459		1,820		15,395		
August	8,463		1,813		15,342		
September	8,466		1,742		14,744		
October	8,475		1,790		15,170		
November	8,475		1,739		14,742		
December	8,485		1,818		15,426		
Annual	8,449		21,627		182,734		

<sup>1</sup>Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, March 19, 2012

## U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup>					Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price <sup>4</sup>	
	Begin- ning stocks	Pro- duction	Im- ports	Total	Domestic			Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use <sup>2</sup>	Ethanol & By- products <sup>3</sup>	Other					
Million Bushels												\$/Bu.
Corn												
2009/10	1,673	13,092	8	14,774	5,125	4,591	1,370	1,980	13,066	1,708	3.55	
2010/11 <sup>5</sup>	1,708	12,447	28	14,182	4,793	5,021	1,406	1,835	13,055	1,128	5.18	
2011/12 <sup>6</sup>	1,128	12,358	20	13,506	4,600	5,000	1,405	1,700	12,705	801	5.90-6.50	
Soybeans												
2009/10	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,752		110	1,499	3,361	151	9.59	
2010/11 <sup>5</sup>	151	3,329	14	3,495	1,648		130	1,501	3,280	215	11.30	
2011/12 <sup>6</sup>	215	3,056	15	3,286	1,615		121	1,275	3,011	275	11.40-12.60	
Wheat												
2009/10	657	2,218	119	2,993	919		219	879	2,018	976	4.87	
2010/11 <sup>5</sup>	976	2,207	97	3,279	926		203	1,289	2,417	862	5.70	
2011/12 <sup>6</sup>	862	1,999	120	2,982	930		227	1,000	2,157	825	7.15-7.45	
Sorghum												
2009/10	55	383	0	438	141		90	166	396	41	3.22	
2010/11 <sup>5</sup>	41	346	0	387	124		85	150	359	27	5.02	
2011/12 <sup>6</sup>	27	214	0	242	65		90	60	215	27	5.80-6.40	

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. <sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. <sup>3</sup> Corn used to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil. <sup>4</sup> Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. <sup>5</sup> Estimate. <sup>6</sup> Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, March 9, 2012

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